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**From:** Cassell, Peter  
**Sent:** Wed 9/9/2015 4:19:27 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Flint Lead Levels - Media Question

Hey Jessica,

Sorry I was out for the Holiday. Below is a desk statement we have prepared regarding this issue. Please attribute any quotes to the U.S. EPA.

EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are working closely with the City of Flint to ensure that residents are provided with safe drinking water. MDEQ determined that although recent lead monitoring shows Flint has not exceeded the lead action level (15 ug/L), the results indicate Flint does not have optimized corrosion control. EPA and MDEQ have recommended that Flint implement corrosion control treatment as soon as possible since the city's lead service lines can leach lead into the drinking water if left untreated.

The City of Flint recently accepted EPA's offer to provide technical assistance to the City and MDEQ on the optimization of corrosion control in the city's water distribution system. The City's Technical Advisory Committee has been notified that experts from EPA's Office of Research and Development (in Cincinnati) will join the panel.

Flint residents who are concerned about lead in their drinking should contact the water utility and may request their water be sampled. Additional information about lead in drinking water is available at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/lead.cfm>.

I am currently checking about the other information you are asking about. Thanks!

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**From:** Dupnack, Jessica [mailto:jessica.dupnack@abc12.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 3:59 PM  
**To:** Cassell, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: Flint Lead Levels - Media Question

Hello again. Not sure if you missed my previous email. I know it might of gotten lost in the holiday shuffle. If you wouldn't mind reviewing my questions and give me a ring when possible. Thank you for your help.

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**From:** Dupnack, Jessica  
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 5:40 PM  
**To:** cassell.peter@epa.gov  
**Subject:** Flint Lead Levels - Media Question

Hello! This is Jessica Dupnack from ABC 12 News in Flint, MI. I have been working on a story about the Lead levels in the City's water supply. A woman named LeeAnne Walters provided me with some paperwork indicating that the EPA did some testing at her home. She told me that it was a preliminary report and that there would be more to come from your end. I have seen the report surface in other news articles by a simple Google search.

I would like to talk further with you about the authenticity of the report. Please give me a call when you can at 248-721-1301.

Thank you.